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In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice and other documents germane to the application in person at the University of Illinois-Willard Airport.

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**Eric Gabler,**

*Manager, Passenger Facility Charge Branch.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. RSAC-91-1, Notice No. 16]

#### Railroad Safety Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

**AGENCY:** Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of Railroad Safety Advisory Committee ("RSAC") meeting.

**SUMMARY:** FRA announces the next meeting of the RSAC, a Federal Advisory Committee that develops railroad safety regulations through a consensus process. The meeting will address a wide range of topics, including possible adoption of specific recommendations for regulatory action.

**DATES:** The meeting of the RSAC is scheduled to commence at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 15, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting of the RSAC will be held at The Wyndham Hotel, 1400 M Street NW, Washington, DC. The meeting is open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis and is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Sign language interpreters will be available for individuals with hearing impediments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Vicky McCully, RSAC Coordinator, FRA, 400 7th Street, SW, Stop 25, Washington, D.C. 20590, (202) 493-6305 or Grady Cothen, Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development, FRA, 400 7th Street, SW, Stop 25, Washington, D.C. 20590, (202) 493-6302.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), FRA is giving notice of a meeting of the Railroad Safety Advisory Committee ("RSAC"). The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 15, 1999. The meeting will be held

at The Wyndham Hotel, 1400 M Street, NW, Washington, DC. All times noted are Eastern Standard Time.

RSAC was established to provide advice and recommendations to the FRA on railroad safety matters. The Committee consists of 48 individual representatives, drawn from among 27 organizations representing various rail industry perspectives, and 2 associate non-voting representatives from the agencies with railroad safety regulatory responsibility in Canada and Mexico. Staff of the National Transportation Safety Board and Federal Transit Administration also participate in an advisory capacity.

During this meeting, the Cab Working Conditions Working Group will brief the RSAC on the primary elements of its recommendations for a proposed standard for locomotive sanitary conditions. The Working Group will also provide a status report on recommendations for hearing conservation program requirements for locomotive cab employees.

The Track Safety Working Group will present an overview of its proposed recommendations for amendments to the Track Safety Standards to provide for the use of Gage Restraint Measurement System (GRMS) technology and its proposed standards relating to the safety of persons operating maintenance-of-way equipment.

The Locomotive Crashworthiness Working Group intends to present to the RSAC for consideration, recommended standards for freight, passenger and switching locomotives.

The RSAC will receive a status report from the Accident/Incident Working Group, tasked with evaluating the concept of a reportable train accident, specifically the means by which the railroad property damage threshold is calculated.

A report providing status information will be presented by the Positive Train Control (PTC) Working Group, tasked with: (1) facilitating understanding of current PTC technologies, definitions, and capabilities; (2) addressing issues regarding the feasibility of implementing fully integrated PTC systems; and (3) facilitating implementation of software based signal and operating systems through consideration of revisions to the Rules, Standards and Instructions to address processor-based technology and communication-based architectures.

Please refer to the notice published in the **Federal Register** on March 11, 1996 (61 FR 9740) for more information about the RSAC.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Transit Administration

#### Environmental Impact Statement on the I-71 Light Rail Transit Project in the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Region

**AGENCY:** Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) (the Federal lead agency) and the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI), the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Cincinnati region (the local lead agency), intend to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the I-71 Light Rail Transit Project. In March of 1998, OKI completed a Major Investment Study (MIS) which studied four alternatives for the I-71 Corridor: Light Rail Transit, No-Build, Transportation Systems Management (TSM), Busway and High Occupancy Vehicle Lanes. The OKI selected the Light Rail Transit as the Locally Preferred Strategy.

The EIS is being prepared in conformance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and will also satisfy the requirements of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments (CAAA). The EIS will evaluate the following transportation alternatives: a No-Build Alternative, a Transportation Systems Management (TSM) Alternative, and the Light Rail Transit (LRT) Alternative. Key stakeholders include the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC), Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority (SORTA), Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky (TANK), Hamilton County, Kenton County, and the cities of Cincinnati, Covington, Blue Ash, and Montgomery.

**DATES:** *Comment Due Date:* Written comments on the scope of alternatives and impacts to be considered must be postmarked by June 15, 1999. *Scoping Meetings:* Public Scoping Meetings will be held on: May 10th—Monday 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Evanston Recreation Center, 3204 Wooburn Avenue, Cincinnati, OH; May 11th—Tuesday 11